



Department of Development Services
Planning Division
Meeting Minutes of the
Historic Preservation Commission & Historic
Properties Commission
(Approved)

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION &
HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012**

Commissioners Present

Michael O'Connell, Chairman
Greg Secord
Alan Ambrose
Raphael L. Podolsky
Catherine Connor, Alternate

Staff Present

Roger J. O'Brien
Jeffrey Cormier
Jillian Hockenberry

Commissioners Absent

Lynn Ferrari
Jonathan Clark, Alternate

Chairman O'Connell called the meeting to order. There was a quorum.

I. Historic Permit Review

- a. 91-93 Elm Street-Renovations to an existing building. Applicant & Owner-Sara Bronin

Roger O'Brien gave a preliminary summary of the project. Chairman O'Connell stated that he did not feel that the application before the Commission was a conflict of interest due to the applicant once being a Commissioner; therefore there would be no recusals.

Jeffrey Cormier, Principal Planner, presented a summary of the application. He stated that the proposal was consistent with the Historic Guidelines and that the Planning Division recommended approval.

Joel Raphael, the architect, discussed the proposed restoration of the building.

Tyler Smith of 95 Elm Street spoke in favor of the proposal.

Tomas Nenortas of the Hartford Preservation Alliance spoke in favor of the proposal.

On a motion made by Commissioner Podolsky, and seconded by Commissioner Ambrose, the following resolution was approved:

Whereas: Whereas the Commission has received an application for Historic Review for 91-93 Elm Street; and

Whereas The subject property is a contributing property in the Elm Street Historic District; and

Whereas: Whereas the proposed second floor porch entry is preferable to the existing front entry at grade and more consistent with the original design of the building; and

Whereas: Whereas the addition of a bay window on the second and first floors is consistent with the original 1863 design; and

Whereas: The proposed bay window on the third floor will enhance the floor plan and will reinforce the symmetry of the front elevation, and

Whereas The new materials are compatible with the existing building materials, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Hartford Historic Preservation District hereby approves the application for Historic Review as shown in the plans entitled “91-93 Elm Street” prepared by Sara Bronin, 1528 31st Street NW, Washington, DC, 20007, and dated July 13, 2012 submitted by Joel Raphael in connection with permit application number 20123679 for the building located at 91-93 Elm Street.

The following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: O’Connell, Ambrose, Secord, Podolsky, and Clark.

II. List of Permits

The list of permits was reviewed by the Commission. Roger O’Brien discussed the permits for 834 Asylum Avenue and 1391 Main Street.

III. New/Old Business

The Commission had a brief discussion about what was in the City Charter that would affect the Historic Preservation and Historic Properties Commission.

IV. Minutes-June 20, 2012

On a motion made by Commissioner Secord, and seconded by Commissioner Podolsky, the minutes of June 20, 2012 were approved.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jillian Hockenberry, Junior Planner